

The Messenger

April 2017

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on April 2. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot coffee or cool tea.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with our Worship Service on April 9, Palm Sunday. Come celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

Our Sunday School Easter Party will be on Sunday, April 9, at 10 am. Each child should bring a basket or bag for the egg hunt. The Sunday School will provide the candy eggs. We will have a brunch with cereals, fruits and juices. Come out for a fun time, Siblings are welcome or bring a friend !



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on April 12 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one dish to share. Come join us for a delicious lunch.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a light supper. After our meal, at 7:00 pm, we will proceed to the Sanctuary for our service commemorating the Lord's Supper and reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. If you are unable to join us for supper, please still come for worship. **Everyone is welcome.**



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER!

Easter Sunday Easter celebration begins at 6:30 am with our SonRise service, an inspiring ceremony to begin our most important holiday. After this service, we have a delicious breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 am, our children and youth will meet for a celebration of their own during our Sunday School time. Again we will celebrate the victory of our Risen Savior at 10:30 am for our Sunday Worship Service. Come -sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

CHRIST IS RISEN!!

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From the Pastor's Desk

Our Journey began on Ash Wednesday. We moved through Sunday Services celebrating and marking the weeks of Lent. We mourned together on Maunday Thursday, prayed together on Good Friday, prepared on Holy Saturday, and celebrated Easter Sunday! Included in all of this were mid-week Lenten services and fellowship times which helped us focus all that much more on our Journey to Gethsemane, the tomb, and the day of resurrection.

It sounds easy, but there were a lot of emotions shared along the way and as I like to say we went from "mourning to dancing."

What is exciting me still is what we have prepared for our future. The highlight of any church should be the Sunday time of worship, when we get to stop and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God and His Son Jesus mean to us. Our journey is not over! We will continue to move forward together as one body united in Christ because, "God is Still Speaking."

One example of this forward movement is the correspondence from the Penn Northeast Conference that the Sunday greeter will have if you should like to read it. It details a meeting between the Penn Northeast and Penn Southeast Conferences talk of a merger. I feel like this is a new and exciting time in the history of the United Church of Christ. We are all a part of this history and can only expect positive results from a merger such as this. Two great conferences working together!

Here is another dynamic opportunity to help those who are unchurched and searching for a progressive and dynamic denomination to be a part of something. Help them join a "great cloud of witness" that continues to recognize a "still speaking God."

Shalom Pastor Lou



Thank You

A thank you letter is on the bell tower bulletin board from Ruth's Place Women's Shelter, a program of Volunteers of America for our generous donation of 3 boxes of food and 1 box of toiletries.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, April 12, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION June 17th

Hurry up and get your tickets for our annual 300 Club fundraiser! Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 17, we will hold our annual 300 Club from 12 to 6 pm. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis or any Consistory member.

UPCOMING DATES

Put these dates on your calendar for future fun and fellowship.

April 9	Palm Sunday
April 13	Maundy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
May 11	Church Directory Update
May 20	Spring Turkey Supper
June 17	300 Club
August 26	Golf Tournament
October 21	Fall Turkey Supper
November 18	Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Annual Golf Tournament August 26th, 2017

Get ready to tee off again on August 26th for our annual Golf Tournament! So save the date and practice those drives!! More information and details will be available in future issues.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 pm.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Grayson Bunnell is shown enjoying books and learning to read in the newly furnished story center at Mt. Top Kids Learning Center.

SAVE THE DATE !

It's time! Emmanuel will be updating the Church Directory for the entire congregation. For now, I just need you to save the date. We will photograph all families **Thursday, May 11th from 2 PM to 9 PM** right here at Emmanuel. Our directory won't be complete without you. Take a look at the insert and watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

Youth Group Fundraiser



*Remember to get your
Weis and Carone's cards!*

This is a great way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You're just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. Please see Marc on Sunday mornings or you can call Penny at the church office (570-868-5675) during the week.

EMMANUEL GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

In addition to the Youth Group's Weis and Carones Card Fundraisers, we have a Gift Card Fundraiser which is a great way to help our church. The Fundraiser Sheets are on the table in the narthex. Just look over the list (and there's a lot to choose from) and mark how many cards you want. As with the Youth Group's fundraiser, this is essentially a "no cost" fundraiser. You are just purchasing gift cards in the amount that you would normally spend at that store or restaurant. The fundraising part is that Emmanuel purchases them at a discount which helps our bottom line. Please pay Christ Dietrich for your choices.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Liturgist: Jim Stewart

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Liturgist: Chris Dietrich

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Greeters: Barb Deluca & Diana Decker
Liturgist: Deb Dietrich

Apr. 30

Greeters: Mary Eroh & Lois Eigenbrod
Liturgist: Lynne Stewart

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Jim Rinehimer



1 Allen Dennis
1 Jayne Rotski
3 Clifford Readler
3 Cadence Ring
4 Amber DeLuca
4 Derek Stein
4 Wayne Mast
5 Shane Oldershaw

5 Betty Baker
6 Jim Stewart
6 Priscilla Farrell
8 Chelsea Glasser
8 Doris Yurchak
12 Sara Silveti
15 Barbara DeLuca
16 Rosanne Kamat
18 Carissa Hoch

18 Clyde Heller
19 Keirsten Whitmire
20 Betty Dickson
23 Lisa Kemmerer
24 Kathy Rinehimer
27 Stacy Prelewicz
28 Dean Kline
28 Lorie DiMaria



April 14, 1979.....Randy and Pat Grosz
April 20, 2002.....Kevin and Debbie Price
April 21, 1990.....David and Donna Myers
April 26, 1952.....Donald and Mary Eroh
April 27, 1968.....Jack and Bonnie Shafer
April 30, 1988.....Duane and Denise Stein

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You are invited to

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Capture Memories for a Lifetime

Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!



We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Create treasured keepsakes

More information will be coming soon about scheduling your photography session.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Be able to purchase portrait gifts



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating



Exclusive products for your cherished memories